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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS
IN IBADAN DISTRICT

REF: LAGOS 9942 (NOTAL), IBADAN 669

CONSTITUENT ASEMBLY ELECTIONS WENT SMOOTHLY IN IBADAN AND OYO STATE AREAS WITH SOME TROUBLES IN ONE AREA EACH IN KWARA, OGUN, AND ONDO. ELECTIONS APPEAR TO HAVE RESULTED IN MODERATE REPRESENTATION FROM DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS BUT WITH LAWYERS PREDOMINATING. WHILE SOME PROMINENT FORMER FRONTLINE POLITICIANS DEFEATED, SOME WERE ELECTED. FORMER ACTION GROUP MEMBERS ELECTED AND SOME DEFEATED AS WAS CASE WITH FORMER NNDP ADHERENTS. MOST SIGNIFICANT VICTOR IN DISTRICT WAS NNDP RICHARD AKINJIDE WHO WON IN IBADAN HEARTLAND DISTRICT, AND MOST SURPRISING LOSER WAS ACTION GROUP FOLLOWER DELE IGE.

1. OYO STATE: FORMER NNDP'S AJEIGBE, AKINJIDE, FAYOKUN (?), ELECTED WHILE OTHER NNDP FOLLOWERS ADENIYA, AND FANIKAYODE DEFEATED. OGUNLEYE ELECTION OVER FORMER NCNC AND NNDP FANIKAYODE REPORTEDLY CAME VERY EXPENSIVE FOR CHIEF AWOLOWO, AND HE MUST BE ACTION GROUP MAN. REMAINDER OF CANDIDATES ELECTED APPEAR TO BE NEW TO POLITICS, MOSTLY LAWYERS AND BUSINESSMEN
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WITH LOCAL FOLLOWINGS. AKINJIDE (SEE IBADAN 669) MUST BE PLEASED WITH ELECTION AND ANTICIPATES CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AS FORUM AND PLATFORM TO DEVELOP NATIONAL FOLLOWING. WHILE HE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND READY FOLLOWERS IN OYO STATE, HE CANNOT BE TERMED THE LEADER OF PERPETUALLY LEADERLESS YORUBA. THERE STILL TOO MANY CURRENTS AND CENTERS OF POWER IN OTHER YORUBA STATES. DEFEAT OF DELE IGE PROBABLY ATTRIBUTED

TO FACT MORE POPULAR AND BETTER-KNOWN AND EXPERIENCED BOLA
IGE (SEE IBADAN 669) DID NOT RUN. (BOLA TOLD ME ELECTION
DEFEAT DUE TO "PRESSURES", BUT HE NOT OBJECTING STRENUOUSLY.
HOWEVER, THIS PUTS STRONGEST AWOLOWO CANDIDATE OUT OF CONST-
ITUENT ASSEMBLY PICTURE UNLESS FMG APPOINTS HIM.)

2. OGUN STATE: ACTION GROUP PROBABLY TOOK AS MANY AS FIVE
SEATS (ABIOLA, OYEWO, COKER, ONABANJO, ADESANYA) WHILE OTHER
THREE ARE NEWCOMERS. COKER ELECTION BEING CONTESTED.

3. ONDO STATE: PROBABLY NO ACTION GROUP MAN ELECTED. AKIN-
BOBOLA IS PROBABLY FOLLOWER OF CHIEF AKIN DEKO, FORMER ACTION
GROUP ORGANIZER AND NOW AWOLOWO OPPONENT (SEE IBADAN A-1,
JANUARY 24, 1977). FASANMI IS KNOWN AS A POPULAR ANTI-
CORRUPTION CAMPAIGNER. AKINFOSILE IS A FORMER NCNC, AND THE
REST ARE UNKNOWN OR NEWCOMERS. ACTION GROUP FARED BADLY.

4. KWARA STATE: NO KNOWN ACTION GROUPEE ELECTED AND PROBABLY
NONE RAN. FORMER POLITICIAN DADA DEFEATED. THE REST ARE
UNKNOWN AND PROBABLY NEW TO POLITICS. SEVERAL (SARAKI,
SHITTU) ARE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS (MINOR). ATTAH'S ELECTION
BEING CONTESTED.
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